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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1829

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL MEETING: PUERTO RICO

1. AFTER COMPLETION OF OUR JUNE 15 DEMARCHE ON ZAIRE SITUATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL), EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MOGWE TOLD CHARGE' OF HIS CONVICTION THAT, IN WAKE OF HAVANA MEETING OF NACB, PUERTO RICAN ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED EVEN MORE LOUDLY AT BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL MEETING JULY 21. ACCORDINGLY, THE MINISTER REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY PROVIDE HIM ASAP WITH MEMORANDUM DETAILING THE U.S. POSITION, POSSIBLY EARLY IN WEEK OF JUNE 19, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, BOTSWANA WAS ONE OF ONLY
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FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH LODGED FORMAL RESERVATIONS ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE HAVANA FINAL COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING PUERTO RICO (STATE 135411). NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY FEELS THAT BOTSWANA'S SUPPORT IN BELGRADE CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF: (A) SLIP-PAGE IN NAM SUPPORT AT HAVANA FOR U.S. POSITION (COMPARED TO SUPPORT RECEIVED AT PREVIOUS NAM MEETINGS),

(B) MOGWE'S ASSERTION TO AMBASSADOR (GABORONE 1639) THAT HE THOUGHT THE GOB DELEGATION IN HAVANA HAD NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT U.S., BUT HAD TAKEN DECISION TO DO SO ON ITS OWN, AND (C) MOGWE'S REQUEST FOR MEMORANDUM (PARA 1) APPEARS LESS A REQUEST FOR USG GUIDANCE THAN AN EFFORT TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH ALL FACTS OF CASE BEFORE TAKING DECISION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) DEPARTMENT'S UPDATE OF TALKING POINTS ON PUERTO RICO (STATE 74814) TO REFLECT HAVANA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE. (B) TRANSMITTAL OF REVISION TO EMBASSY EARLY IN WEEK OF JUNE 19 FOR USE AS BASIS OF MEMORANDUM FOR MOGWE.
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